

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11, further comprising

a bufferstand-by unit which, for in which a sample to be analyzed by each of the analyzing apparatuses which has have been stopped in order to replace a reagent, is placedplaces the sample in said each of the analyzing apparatuses in a stand by state by the corresponding module computer, without stopping the analysis of the entire system during a time period where the reagent to be replaced is supplied to thesaid each of the analyzing apparatuses in which a reagent is short have been stopped.

7. (Previously Presented) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 3, further comprising a detector and wherein

for each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped, the corresponding module computer corresponding to said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped, when receiving a signal from the detector indicating that completion of replacing the reagent in said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped, confirmsa mechanism which automatically measures a remaining amount of the reagent replaced in said each of the analyzing apparatuses which havehas been stopped before said each of the analyzing apparatuses is restored to operation.

8. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 113, wherein, for each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped, the

corresponding module computer corresponding to said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped is programmed to confirm automatically, before said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have~~has~~ been stopped is restored to operation, whether or not ~~the~~a reagent replaced in said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have~~has~~ been stopped coincides with an item for measurement relating to the one reagent detected to be short for said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped, wherein when the reagent replaced does not coincide with the item, said each of the analyzing apparatuses which have been stopped is not restored to operation.

9. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 11, wherein, for each of the analyzing apparatus in which any of the particular reagents is detected as being short, the corresponding module computer corresponding to said each of the analyzing apparatuses is programmed to determine a reagent to be exchanged ~~by notifying~~based on an identifier of the one reagent detected to be short and ~~that each of the analyzing apparatuses~~ in which a reagent is short is automatically stopped.

10. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim 9, wherein, for each of the analyzing apparatuses in which any one of the particular reagents is detected as being short, the corresponding module computer corresponding to said each of the analyzing apparatuses is programmed to identify the one reagent to be exchanged by automatically confirming, ~~before restoring to operation the analyzing apparatus in which a reagent is short and notifying an~~based on the identifier of the one reagent detected to be short.

11. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system which analyzes samples, ~~by using a plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each containing a reagent, which are disposed along a carry line~~ the automatic analyzing system comprising:
a plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each containing a reagent, which are disposed along a carry line;

a reagent shortage detection unit for detecting that ~~the~~a reagent used in analyzing a sample in ~~any of the~~ analyzing apparatuses is short; and

a management computer for controlling operations of said analyzing system, said management computer ~~being programmed~~including a register unit to register particular reagents in the analyzing system, ~~and~~and the management computer ~~being configured~~ to register ~~any of the~~ analyzing apparatuses in which any one of said particular reagents is detected as being short; and

a plurality of module computers for the plurality of analyzing apparatuses, the plurality of module computers each corresponding to one of the plurality of analyzing apparatuses, each module computer being programmed to stop the corresponding analyzing apparatus in which any one of said particular reagents registered is detected as being short.

12. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzing system according to claim

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~~wherein at least one of the plurality of analyzing apparatuses contains a reagent that is not registered in the analyzing system; and~~

wherein ~~said~~each module computer is further programmed to continue operation of the corresponding analyzing apparatus ~~when therein which~~a reagent ~~which is not registered is detected as being short~~ has not become insufficient.